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The World Court sitting in The Hague, Netherlands, has begun to hear a case against the U.S. brought by Nicaragua.

One of the witnesses for the Nicks is an American who used to be a CIA agent, David Macmichael, and one of Nicaragua's lead lawyers is an American who was the top State department lawyer during the administration of the late President John F. Kennedy. The name of the lawyer is Abram Chayes.

Both of these men should be ashamed of themselves. They don't deserve to be U.S. citizens. There was a time when what they are doing would have aroused protest from coast to coast but in this day of permissiveness when a Jane Fonda who openly supported the Communists during the Vietnam War can be admired for writing books on exercise and how to grow older, there are no limits to what people think they can do with impunity.

Nevertheless, the conduct of these men in The Hague is treasonous, and the U.S. government shouldn't just stand there. It should do something about it. First of all, it should invite both of them not to return to the U.S. Surely, they would feel more at home down there with the bananas in Nicaragua. After that, it would be appropriate for the government to take steps to strip them of their citizenship.

Any man willing to testify against his country before an international court such as Mr. Macmichael is doing or prosecute it as Mr. Chayes is doing doesn't deserve to be (and obviously doesn't want to be) a citizen of that country.